GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2456
ANSWERED ON:06.03.2003
COMMITTEE ON MUMBAI GAS SUPPLY
NARESH KUMAR PUGLIA

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had appointed a committee on Mumbai Gas Supply to look into pricing of gas and quality of service by Mahanagar Gas Limited;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said committee has submitted its report to the Government;

(d) if so, the salient features of the recommendations made by the Committee; and

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Government vide resolution dated 21.11.02 constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri S. Vijayaraghavan, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas and had following Members:-

(i) Shri S. Vijayaraghavan, Joint Secretary, Government of India, Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas.

(ii) Shri H.P. Chandna, Director (Planning), GAIL (India) Limited.

(iii) Shri A. Sinha, Director (Finance), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Salient features of the recommendations of the Committee are as under:-

(i) Grievance Redressal System and Code of Service standards to be established by MGL.

(ii) Prices of PNG for domestic consumers frozen till March, 2004 at present price even if LPG price increases. Any decrease in LPG price benefit to be passed on to the consumers.

(iii) Connection charges Rs.5000 for all consumers.

(iv) Rebate of Rs.22/month for 15 years to be given to all existing and new domestic consumers for the connection charges.

(v) More CNG dispensing stations (55) by March 2003 and (80) by March, 2004 to be set up to reduce CNG filling time.

(vi) GAIL and ONGC to coordinate with MGL for ensuring proper pressure.

(vii) Ceiling of gas price at Rs.6.80/SCM before taxes (corresponding to LSHS price of Rs.8600/MT inclusive of State Surcharge and Octroi and allowing 10% discount there-upon) till March, 2004.

(viii) For LSHS price less than 8600/MT existing price practice of 10% discount for gas to continue.

(e) No decision on the recommendations of the Committee has been taken by the Government.